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Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT AND REPLY

In response to the Final Office Action mailed January 26, 2005, Applicant has concurrently filed herewith a Request for Continued Examination, amended the claims for clarification and respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 15 of this paper.